

Project Purpose:

The primary purpose of this project is to reduce congestion on northbound State Route 41 near Friant Road Interchange by constructing an auxiliary lane and widening the northbound off-ramp to Friant Road.

State Route 41, within the project limits, is a six-lane divided freeway with a transition to a four-lane facility at the El Paso Avenue Undercrossing. This project will improve the quality of traffic flow along northbound State Route 41 and the northbound off-ramp to Friant road by reducing congestion and operational deficiencies.

Description:

An auxiliary lane will be constructed north of Alluvial Avenue Undercrossing that will exit at the northbound off-ramp at Friant Road. A new traffic lane will be added in the median from the El Paso Avenue Overhead to north of the Nees Avenue Overhead during construction to assist in traffic management during the project.

The northbound off-ramp to Friant will be modified. The modifications include a two-lane ramp that transitions to five lanes with increased shoulder widths. The ramp intersection will have two left-turn lanes and three right-turn lanes under signal control. This project will also eliminate the existing free right movement lane that will result in a third eastbound lane on Friant Road to be opened prior to the intersection.

Construction Cost: \$ 12.5 million

Anticipated Schedule:

Construction Beginning Date: Anticipated Summer 2004
Construction Completion Date: Anticipated Spring 2006

Funding Sources:

State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)
Transportation Congestion Relief Program (TCRP).

Agency Partners:

Caltrans: Design, Planning, Right of Way acquisition, Construction Management.
City of Fresno

Project Map on Reverse

Friant Road Auxiliary Lane Project

